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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring schools to post annual reports on bullying and
2 harassment data online.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.28, Code 2014, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *Annual report on internet site.* The
4 board of directors of a school district and the authorities
5 in charge of each nonpublic school shall annually post on the
6 school district's or school's internet site a report on the
7 data collected under subsection 6 for the previous school year
8 by December 15. The department shall specify a format for
9 the report, which shall include aggregate data on the types
10 of harassment or bullying, as defined by the department in
11 accordance with this section, that occurred, the incidence
12 of harassment or bullying of each type, and trend data for
13 the previous five years indicating whether the incidence
14 of each type has increased or decreased. The board and
15 the authorities shall approve the report for publication by
16 December 1. The board and the authorities shall make copies
17 of the report available to the public upon request. The
18 department shall annually provide the most recent annual report
19 by the department on statewide bullying and harassment data to
20 the board and the authorities in a format which can be posted
21 on the school district's or school's internet site, which shall
22 then be posted by the board and authorities.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill requires the board of directors of a school
27 district and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school
28 to annually post on the school district's or school's internet
29 site a report on incidence data on harassment or bullying
30 collected pursuant to state law by December 15. The state
31 department of education is to specify a format for the report,
32 which must include aggregate data on the types of harassment or
33 bullying that occurred, the incidence of harassment or bullying
34 of each type, and trend data for the previous five years
35 indicating whether the incidence of each type has increased

1 or decreased. The board and the authorities must approve the
2 report for publication by December 1 and must make copies of
3 the report available to the public upon request. The board
4 and the authorities must also annually post on the school
5 district's or school's internet site the most recent annual
6 report by the department on statewide bullying and harassment
7 data, which must be provided by the department.